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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Re: Allen Zoll

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On page 14 of "The Nation" for January 3, 1942, appears the following item:

ALLEN ZOLL, sponsor of several organizations in the Coughlinite front, was in the pay of the Japanese government before the war, according to the New York Coordinating Committee for Democratic Action. The committee has revealed documents now in its possession which outline Zoll's plans for anti-Semitic pro-Japanese propaganda in this country. One letter from Zoll to a high Japanese official reads in part:

Here our activities would be to discredit the opposition to your institution [Japan]. Just as an adroit lawyer wins cases through discrediting the opposition's witnesses, just so can the public mind be influenced by discrediting your attackers. . . . One of the most effective methods . . . is to show that a certain minority group in America, which is very unpopular here, are the ones who are opposed to you. . . . I mentioned this group in our previous conversations but for obvious reasons prefer not to put it in writing.

The letter quoted appears to have been examined by Special Agent [redacted] more than a year and one-half ago; see report of 5/23/40 made at New York City, page 10. Similar publicity concerning Allen Zoll appeared in the September 1, 1939 issue of "American Appeal," copies of which are in the New York Bureau files; see report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 10-9-40, made at New York City.

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Since the announcement of the New York Coordinating Committee for Democratic Action, as reported in "The Nation" states that Zoll "was in the pay of the Japanese government before the

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war," it is suggested that a Bureau agent communicate with this Committee, whose address appears to be 2 West 43d Street, New York City, for the purpose of ascertaining whether any new evidence has been acquired indicating possible violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Act. }

It would be appreciated if this investigation could be conducted immediately since, if there is a case against Allen Zoll, we should like to present it to a grand jury in the District of Columbia at the same time that evidence is presented concerning possible violation of the Registration Act by [redacted] which will be on ] b6, b7C  
or about January 15, 1942.

Respectfully,



WENDELL BERGE  
Assistant Attorney General

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM : ~~Mr.~~ Warren Olney III  
Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division

SUBJECT: ~~ANTI-SEMITIC, PRO-ARAB PROPAGANDA;~~  
ALLEN ALDERSON ZOLL  
Registration Act

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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Reference is made to the Division's memorandum of July 14, 1953, captioned [ ] Registration Act; Internal Security, "b6" in which it was requested that an investigation be undertaken to determine whether [ ] is acting within the United States at the order, request, or under the direction of the Arab Government or any of the governments composing the Arab League so as to bring him within the purview of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended. b7C

In this connection, the memorandum entitled "Anti-Semitic, Pro-Arab Propaganda in the United States," which was submitted to the Attorney General by the Anti-Defamation League and which was the source of the information that [ ] is allegedly a paid agent of the Arab League in the United States, also included information that Allen Alderson Zoll has been meeting with Arab League officials and top-ranking Arab diplomatic representatives. Considerable information regarding Zoll's past activities was submitted to the Attorney General in your memorandum of November 6, 1952. It is requested that in the course of your present investigation of this matter efforts be made to determine Zoll's recent activities, particularly with reference to whether he has received any funds from or is acting at the request of any official of the Arab League or representative of any Arab nation so as to incur an obligation to register under the terms of the Foreign Agents Registration Act. b6, b7C

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